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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6 584 065 B1 (MAEDA TAKANORI ET AL) 24 June 2003 (2003-06-24)	1-4,6,7, 12,13
Y	column 9, line 48 - line 67; figure 8A	1-4,6,7, 12,13
A	column 13, line 10 - line 65	5
X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 2000, no. 14, 5 March 2001 (2001-03-05) & JP 2000 315323 A (SHARP CORP), 14 November 2000 (2000-11-14)	1-4,6,7, 12
Y	abstract	1-4,6,7, 12,13
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1. claims: 1-7,12,13

"Thickness information"

2. claims: 8-11

"Focus with respect to thickness"
